

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

**VENUE:** National Palace of Culture

**Address:** 1, Bulgaria Square 1463, Sofia, Bulgaria

### Wednesday, February 28, 2018

- 15.30 – 17.30      **Meeting of ASEM Senior Officials**  
*Venue: National Palace of Culture*
- 17.45 – 18.30      **ASEF Policy Panel:** From Cultural Diplomacy towards Cultural Co-operation – What Future Directions for Asia-Europe Relations?  
**Panelists:** Ms. Arundhati GHOSH, Executive Director, India Foundation for the Arts (Bangalore, India), Mr Kennie TING, Director, Asian Civilisations Museum (Singapore) & Ms. Isabelle SCHWARZ, Head of Advocacy, Research & Development and Knowledge Management, European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam, Netherlands)  
**Moderated by:** Anupama Sekhar, Director, Culture Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)  
**Organised by** the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Ministry of Culture, Bulgaria  
*Venue: National Palace of Culture*
- 20.00 – 22.00      **Welcome Drink & Official Dinner** (Open to all Participants)  
Welcome Message from Mr. Boil Banov, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria  
*Venue: Boyana Residence*

### Thursday, March 1, 2018

- 09.30 – 10.00      **Registration of Participants**  
*Venue: National Palace of Culture*
- 10.00 – 10.40      **Opening Ceremony**  
Opening Remarks (Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria)  
Congratulatory Remarks
- 10.40 – 11.00      *Coffee break*
- Plenary Session 1**
- 11.00 – 11.05      **Introduction by the Chair**
- 11.05 – 12.30      **Statements by the ministers**
- 12.30 - 14.00      *Lunch /buffet/*
- Plenary Session 1  
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- 14.00 – 14.05      **Introduction by the Chair**

14.05 – 15.10	<b>Statements by the ministers</b>
15.10 – 15.15	<b>Statement by the ASEAN Secretariat</b>
15.15 – 15.20	Wrap up
15.20 – 15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b><u>Workshop 1</u></b>	<i>Supporting culture as an engine for sustainable social and economic development</i>
15.30 – 16.45	Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs) Introduction of the Agenda (Moderator) Presentation 1 Presentation 2 Presentation 3
16.45 – 17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17.00 – 18.30	Presentation 4 Presentation 5 Presentation 6 Discussion and Wrap up (Moderator) Closing Remarks (Co-Chair)
<b><u>Workshop 2</u></b>	<i>Promoting culture and intercultural dialogue for peaceful inter community relations</i>
15.30 – 16.45	Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs) Introduction of the Agenda (Moderator) Presentation 1 Presentation 2 Presentation 3
16.45 – 17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17.00 – 18.30	Presentation 4 Presentation 5 Presentation 6 Discussion and Wrap up (Moderator) Closing Remarks (Co-Chair)
<b><u>Workshop 3</u></b>	<i>Reinforcing cooperation on cultural heritage</i>
15.30 – 16.45	Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs) Introduction of the Agenda (Moderator) Presentation 1 Presentation 2 Presentation 3
16.45 – 17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17.00 – 18.30	Presentation 4

Presentation 5  
Presentation 6  
Discussion and Wrap up (Moderator)  
Closing Remarks (Co-Chair)

19.30 – 21.30      *Farewell Dinner*  
                         *Venue: Boyana Residence*

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

08.30 – 09.30      Meeting of Workshop Co-Chairs

***Plenary session 2***

09.30 – 10.30      Workshop Wrap-Up

10.30 – 11.00      Report on ASEF's work in culture (2016-2018) and key messages from the  
ASEF Policy Panel  
By Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE, Executive Director, Asia-Europe  
Foundation (ASEF)

11.00 – 11.30      *Coffee break*

***Plenary Session 2***  
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11.30 – 12.30      Declaration of the Chair's Statement (Minister of Culture of the Republic of  
Bulgaria)  
The 9<sup>th</sup> CMM Host Country's Speech (TBD)